

Senate Resolution 9 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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1 A Resolution in support of strengthening and deepening
2 the relationship between Taiwan and the State of
3 Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is proud of the
5 sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan
6 since 1989, which is marked by strong bilateral trade,
7 educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States
9 and the State of Iowa the common values of freedom,
10 democracy, and human rights, and a commitment to the
11 rule of law; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's
13 third-largest importer, and Taiwan is the United
14 States' 15th largest export destination, making Taiwan
15 the United States' 11th largest trading partner, with
16 total bilateral trade reaching \$68.8 billion as of
17 November 2018; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the
19 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close
20 bilateral relationship between the United States and
21 Taiwan, as well as to advance mutual security and
22 commercial interests, and the TRA has served as the
23 cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations and has helped to
24 preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Iowa have enjoyed
26 a long and mutually beneficial relationship and
27 anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking

1 as Iowa's 6th largest export destination in Asia as
2 of November 2018, with \$193.9 million worth of Iowa
3 goods shipped to Taiwan, including meat, soybeans, and
4 animal feeds; agricultural chemicals; and miscellaneous
5 manufactured commodities, including precision
6 instruments and avionics; and

7 WHEREAS, negotiations for a bilateral trade
8 agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an
9 important step toward further strengthening bilateral
10 trade between the State of Iowa and Taiwan, thereby
11 increasing Iowa's exports to Taiwan and creating
12 investment and technical collaboration through tariff
13 reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of
15 "steadfast diplomacy" regarding international
16 relations and is capable of and willing to fulfill its
17 responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to
18 deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid, disease
19 control, and other important issues; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
21 memorializes the 30th anniversary of the Iowa-Taiwan
22 sister-state relationship and the 40th anniversary
23 of the United States Congress's enactment of the
24 Taiwan Relations Act; reaffirms its commitment to
25 strengthening the sister-state relationship between
26 Taiwan and the State of Iowa; endorses Taiwan's efforts
27 to secure a favorable trade relationship with the
28 United States; and reaffirms support for increasing
29 Taiwan's international profile; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of

1 the Senate is hereby directed to send copies of this
2 Resolution to the members of Iowa's congressional
3 delegation and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural
4 Office in Chicago, Illinois.